

II. AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1, line 2.

--Priority is claimed to U.S. Provisional Patent Appl. No. 60/295,009, filed June 4, 2001, the subject matter of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference.--

Please insert the following paragraph at page 4, line 6 of the specification.

--Brief Description of the Figures

Figure 1: Map of the plasmid pET-T18mob2

Figure 2: Map of the plasmid pET-T18mob2sigEexp

The abbreviations and designations used have the following meaning.

per:	Gene for controlling the number of copies from PGA1
oriV:	ColE1-similar origin from pMB1
rep:	Plasmid-coded replication region from C. glutamicum plasmid pGA1
RP4mob:	RP4 mobilization site
lacZ-alpha:	lacZ gene fragment from E. coli
Tet:	Resistance gene from tetracycline
sigE:	sigE gene of C. glutamicum
BamHI:	Cleavage site of the restriction enzyme BamHI
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Please replace the paragraph starting at page 6, line 20 with the following paragraph.

--The new sigE gene from *C. glutamicum* which codes for the ~~enzyme~~ RNA polymerase sigma factor-E sigma-E factor has been isolated.--

Please delete lines from page 26, line 12 to page 27, line 8.